

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF PROVO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, February 29, 2016 at 12:00 Noon
Minutes

- In attendance

Board members

Dan Johnson
Dennis Weir
Greg Hudnall
Wood Miller
Bart Simons

Municipal Council

Gary Winterton

1. Merrill's passing and a need for his replacement as Manager.

Dan Johnson said the critical thing the Board needs to do is find someone to replace Merrill. Dan said his understanding is the Board hires the manager position, but Provo City Council approves the board members. Councilmember Winterton asked if the manager position had to be approved by city council. Dennis Weir said that the Board hires the manager.

Greg Hudnall asked if anyone was interested in filling the position. Dan Johnson said he knows that no one can fill Merrill's shoes, but he believes any of the current board members would be able to fill the position and stand on Merrill's shoulders. Dan said he doesn't want anything to happen to the board and undo all the good that has been done.

Greg Hudnall asked Bart Simons how many hours were needed to fill the position. He said it was a full time position in the past, but it was cut back by Chuck Henson. Bart said that he would make the motion to nominate Dan Johnson to fill the manager position. Dennis Weir said that Dan Johnson has been on the board the longest. He said he knows Dan won't be able to fill Merrill's shoes and Dan knows that, but he expressed his confidence that Dan could do the job.

Dan said that he wouldn't look at this position as a full-time job. He said with the help of

Sara Hubbs doing the books and keeping the District in compliance with the State, the position can be filled as a part time position like Merrill had done in the past.

Councilmember Winterton said he would like further discussion because the council will ask him why Dan was appointed and would like the Board's perspective. Dan Johnson talked about the purpose and role of Provo Metro Water Board.

Discussion was held regarding individuals that could potentially fill the vacancy on the Board if Dan is chosen as the manager. Councilmember Winterton mentioned that he knows of some individuals that have expressed some interest in Provo's water and asked if the Board will also recommend individuals to fill the position as well. The Board members confirmed that they will recommend individuals but the Council will be able to approve the board member. Bart Simons said the Mayor may also submit a name as well, so the City Council will likely have much discussion.

Bart Simons expressed his concern about filling the manager position with someone for the outside that doesn't understand the purpose of the District. He said knowing that Dan cares the way he does about protecting Provo's water is a major vote for Dan.

Wood Miller asked if Dan felt ok about filling the position. Dan replied that he has a deep love for Provo and doesn't want to see the District's hard work undone by someone who doesn't understand the District's purpose. He said he feels lost without Merrill, but will work closely with Bart Simons fill the position.

Greg Hudnall moved to question on the vote. He asked all board members who were in favor of Dan filling the manager position. Motion Carries. All present voted aye.

Councilmember Winterton asked Dan Johnson to send him a resume that he could present to City Council. Greg Hudnall said that the Board should also write a letter that lists the reasons they support Dan as filling the Manager position.

Discussion was held regarding who should fill the Chair position and it was concluded to that Dennis Weir will fill the position for two years and then it will be voted. Motion by Board Member Wood Miller that Dennis Weir will fill the Chair position. Seconded by Greg Hudnall. Motion Carries. All present voted aye.

Discussion was held regarding individuals that could fill the Board Member vacancy. Councilmember Winterton suggested Scott Steffensen. He said that Scott works for BYU, he's very easy to work with, and truly cares for Provo.

Bart Simons said that he has some names, but he also feels we need to allow the Mayor to suggest names as well. Bart Simons suggested Richard Brimhall as a potential

candidate. He said Richard has worked for Provo previously and understands water. Dan said that Richard Brimhall would be bring a lot of knowledge with him. Greg said that it is nice to bring a different set of lenses to the Board like Wood has brought. Wood Miller said that he would like to know what Scott Steffensen's philosophy is. The Board determined that it would be good for some of the board members to talk with potential candidates and determine if they feel it would be a good fit for the board.

Dan Johnson mentioned Terry Herbert and Joe Jenkins may be good candidates as well. Dan Johnson said that he heard it may be good to find someone who has ties to canal companies.

Councilmember Winterton mentioned Steve Cox, but wasn't sure if he would want to do it. He said Steve is a good man and would be good to work with. Wood Miller asked if there are any water law people that could be candidates. Bart Simson said he wasn't aware of any that would be willing to serve on the Board.

Bart Simons said the most important thing the Board will deal with is protecting the 8,000 acre feet of water. He said in the mid 30's this Board was formed to keep the water out of the politics. He said 28 years ago he got a call one morning to turn the water out because the water had been sold. He said he shares this story to illustrate big mistakes can be made fast if the wrong people are on the board and he wants to make sure the position is filled by the right person.

2. Minutes from the December 14th 2015 meeting.

The minutes were reviewed and discussed. Discussion was held regarding the financial reports that Sara sends to the board members quarterly are needed to fulfill the state auditor requirements. Discussion was held regarding the Big Springs and said that because of the \$1.2 Million contribution from the Board, the city is about 2 years ahead of where they would have been.

Discussion was held regarding the five-year contract the District has with Provo City. Bart Simons said he would send a copy of the signed contract to Sara Hubbs. Discussion was held regarding the lease of the Hamblin water rights.

Discussion was held regarding the annual audit. Sara Hubbs mentioned that there was a finding about posting notices in a timely manner.

Discussion was held regarding the training that the Open Public Meetings training that the Board Members need to complete each year. Sara Hubbs said Provo's training is March 16th, but since the Board Members will be in St. George for the water conference,

they can watch the recorded version of the training to fulfill that requirement.

Discussion was held about the Board presenting the statue to Lynda Bingham during the Provo City Council meeting on April 5th.

Motion by Dennis Weir to approve the minutes. Seconded by Greg Hudnall. Motion carries.

3. Next Meeting. Monday March 21, 2016 and 12 noon.